



IRTA State & Local Unit Membership Form

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Dues Deduct – I hereby authorize the Teachers' Retirement System to deduct my IRTA dues in monthly installments at an initial rate of \$2.00 or as subsequently established by the Delegate Assembly.
Association Dues are Not Tax Deductible

(Signature required for Dues Deduction)

Social Security # _____

Please print or use your return address label.

(Only required for Dues Deduction)

- Annual - \$35
- Annual Associate - \$25
(only available to non-certified staff)
- 5 Years - \$150
- Life Membership - \$400
- Associate Life Membership - \$125
(only available to non-certified staff)
- 2009 Retiree (Free 1 Year)
- Local Dues - \$10.00

NAME LAST _____ FIRST _____ MIDDLE _____ DOB _____

ADDRESS _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ RETIREMENT YEAR _____

PHONE () _____ E-MAIL _____ UNIT _____ SCHOOL DISTRICT _____

RETIRED FROM _____

Please detach and mail to IRTA.

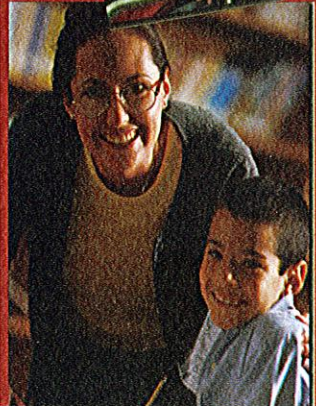
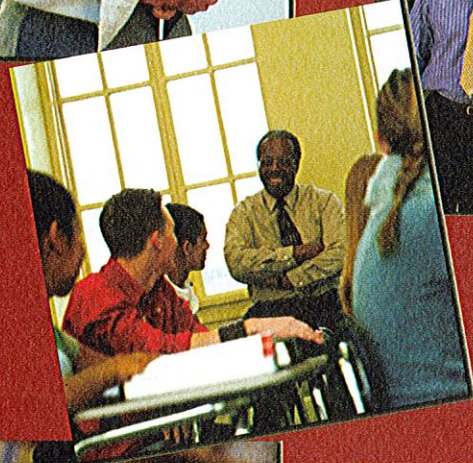
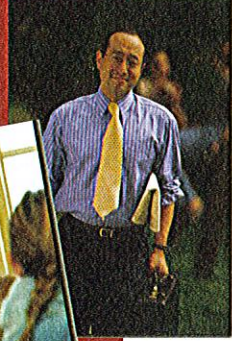
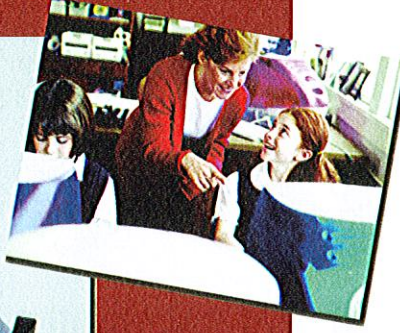
Peoria Area Retired Teachers Association (PARTA)

For full information, see our web site at <http://peoria.k12.il.us/parta/>. PARTA has been a strong, active organization for retired educators since 1951. We meet 9 times a year for a speaker and lunch at Barracks Cater Inn. The meetings are held at 11:30 a.m. with social starting at 11:00 the first Monday of each month except the second Monday in September. There are no meetings in July, August, and January. Guests are welcome. The meal is \$10.00.

In addition to the monthly programs, PARTA maintains an active legislative committee and keeps members informed on pension and insurance issues as well as representing our interests in Springfield.

Dues are \$10.00 annually or \$75.00 for life. For additional membership information for PARTA contact John Rathbun at genrebun@aol.com.

Ensuring the Future for those who Shape it.



IRTA

IRTA State & Unit Membership

Are you concerned about the future of your health insurance and pension benefits? Would you like to be informed on issues affecting your retirement? If you answered "yes" to either question, the Illinois Retired Teachers Association (IRTA) invites you to become a member.

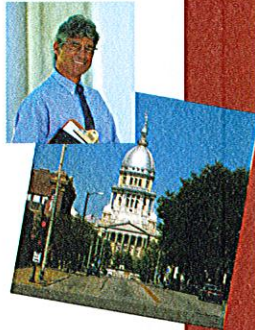
IRTA is a statewide association consisting of 93 local units representing over 32,000 members.

IRTA has over 50 years of solid accomplishments in pension and benefit improvements for retired Illinois educators.

IRTA's Accomplishments Include . . .

2007-2008

IRTA grassroots efforts assisted TRS in obtaining the required appropriation certified by the TRS Board of Trustees under the 50 year funding plan.



2005

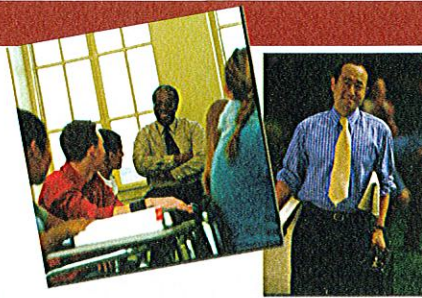
IRTA succeeded in passing legislation (PA94-0691) which prevents the Governor from transferring funds from the Teachers Health Insurance Security Fund to the General Revenue Fund in order to help defray the State's operating costs.

2004

Representatives of IRTA worked with the Governor to finalize an extension of the Teachers' Retirement Insurance Program (TRIP) with no sunset date.

2002

IRTA worked with state leaders to help resolve the retired educators' health insurance crisis.



2001

Public Act 92-505 was signed into law preventing an 80% health insurance premium increase for retirees.

IRTA pioneered National Coalition for Repeal of Government Pension Offset and Windfall Elimination Provision.

HB 4347 passed: 2nd elected annuitant added to the TRS Board of Trustees.

1999

IRTA helped negotiate a gubernatorial executive order improving health insurance benefits. Effective 7-1-2000, deductibles for both TRIP and TCHP were drastically reduced. In addition, TCHP's general out-of-pocket maximum was lowered, and coordination of Medicare benefits was improved.

1995

HB 323 increased the minimum pension from \$450 per month to \$750 per month for retirees with at least 30 years of creditable teaching service.

IRTA spearheaded legislation (Public Act 88-593) which guaranteed that the pensions would be 90% funded by 2045.

Mission Statement

The Illinois Retired Teachers Association is a not-for-profit, nonpartisan organization of retired educators. The Association serves the needs and interests of its members through advocacy, education, cooperation and socialization in a flexible organizational structure.

Advocacy.

IRTA represents your legislative interests by lobbying on all key issues at the state and federal level.

Awareness.

IRTA keeps members up-to-date on important issues in several ways including:

- 1) **Website.** A password-protected members only website (www.irtaonline.org) will constantly provide information to you on important issues.
- 2) **Voter Voice.** An online grassroots advocacy tool allows members to instantly e-mail their legislators on issues of great importance.
- 3) **Action Newsletter and Legislative Hotline.**

Socialization.

Through your local unit, you will enjoy a group of friends with the same interests as you – and you'll participate in events that keep you connected with them.

Products and Services.

IRTA's endorsed benefits include dental insurance, vision insurance, Cendant-Government Employee Travel Opportunities, etc. A number of IRTA's benefits are available through Association Member Benefits Advisors. For more information on IRTA benefits, visit our website at www.irtaonline.org.

IRTA Foundation

Serving the needs of others.

The IRTA Foundation is the charitable component of IRTA. The Foundation has an impact on Illinois educators of the past, present, and future. The Foundation . . .

- 1) Provides financial assistance to retired Illinois educators who are experiencing acute financial stress.
- 2) Provides grants to active teachers each year when worthy projects cannot be funded by the school district.
- 3) Provides scholarships to aspiring educators who are in their third or fourth year of college.

All of the above projects are funded through donations and not member dues.

